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MS. HARMON: Okay. Hi. I'm Amber Harmon.

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Okay. The representatives are saying that

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Nevada is not definite, yet they have discontinued the

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search for other sites that would be more efficient than

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this one and that don't have active volcanoes by them and

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active areas, where we have had past earthquakes although

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they may not all be earthquake active.

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So I feel that they need to not only be

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holding hearings for our state and to only put it at Yucca

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Mountain, but they need to continue the search for these

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other places, and they need to just like do hearings at

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these other ones and stuff because I'm sure there is a lot

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more places that are more proper for these things than

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Nevada.

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In the previous session I was informed that

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this waste would be traveling over the Donner overpass.

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Well, what happens to the people, because there are houses

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by the Donner overpass?

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So what happens if, say, a truck or something

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else is traveling down the road and perhaps they wreck or

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they derail, depending on what it is, and these tubes go

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down rolling down the hill? They are going at very fast

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speed when they are going down the hill, and they are

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round. Perhaps they are going 60, 70 miles down the hill

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and they crash into a tree or something. What happens if

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they crack and somehow this radioactivity gets out into

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our public and then it will start harming people.

5 In the future, and now, research functions,
6 like the statistics and stuff, are basically done on the
7 computer. What happens if, say, 20, 30 years, we no
8 longer have access to computers? Then what are we
9 supposed to do? How are we supposed to determine if these
10 earthquakes are going to come, how high they are going to
11 be? Perhaps like there may be volcanic activity or
12 something. And the stuff gets under the ground and gets
13 on these barrels, and obviously, volcanic activity is
14 going to break these. There is no stopping that.

4 15 Then on the issue of volcanoes, the Southern
16 Nevada Volcanic Field states this area has long history of
17 volcanic activity. The mountain itself is a collapsed
18 caldera and is surrounded by a dozen extinct volcanos.
19 Recently they have found cinder cones which are showing
20 evidence of relatively recent active volcano activity. So
21 I mean, we're already finding these things.

22 Perhaps when this site is built, we'll have a
23 very active volcano, and then if it gets under these
24 things, people living in that area and far from it are
25 pretty much going to be infected from it, and our area
1 will be contaminated.

5... 2 Gaseous pathways for radionuclides. The
3 volcanic tufts of Yucca Mountain are highly fractured and
4 faulted already, presenting the pathway for gaseous
5 nuclides to escape into the environment.

6 Such fracture conductivity to the surface has
7 already been documented at the Yucca site. So we're
8 already finding cracks at this site and stuff. So what

...5 9 happens if we put these containers under the ground and
10 they get cracked somehow and once again it gets out to the
11 environment and it contaminates?

12 And I feel we haven't considered all of our
6 13 resources. Another thing we could consider is dry storage
14 to let it cool off before we deposit it. And then there's
15 less chance of it cracking, et cetera, and contaminating
16 our environment.

7 17 I don't believe this next statement is true
18 at all. But in the previous session - I came to the one
19 earlier, too - and I actually had a representative to go
20 so far as to tell me that radiation is good for our immune
21 system and good for our bodies. If this is so good for
22 our bodies, why aren't people taking their kids and their
23 families and moving up to where radioactivity happens? If
24 it is supposedly going to make us better and it is going
25 to be good for our bodies, why are we staying away from
1 it? Why do we not want this to happen? If it is good for
2 us, we could care less if they built the site there. We
3 could care less about contamination.

4 So my opinion, I think the whole thing about
5 this representative telling me it is good for us is just
6 basically a bunch of BS, to put it in layman's terms.

8... 7 That's pretty much it. So I am like firmly
8 against Yucca Mountain. I am firmly against them putting
9 the repository site there because I don't personally want
10 my family and friends and just other people living in
11 Nevada and stuff, I don't want them to be contaminated and

...8 12 get sick and perhaps die. It's just not right, and that
13 is totally the wrong spot.
9 14 And plus that, I feel we don't have all of
15 the facts. I don't think the representatives or the
16 government is telling us every single thing we need to
17 know. And I also agree with everything everybody else
18 here has said, and so I'm strongly against it. Thank you.